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SUBJECT: INSTRUCTIONS FOR JANUARY 10-11 SPECIAL IWC
COUNCIL SESSION

1. RE PROPOSED NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE, YOUR POSITION SHOULD BE THAT USG, HAVING TAKEN ACCOUNT OF THE WORK OF THE PREPARATORY GROUP, IS PREPARED TO JOIN IN A FIRM DECISION BY THE COUNCIL AT THIS TIME TO CONVENE A NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE TO REPLACE THE 1971 IWA WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 1978. WE CONCUR THAT THIS CONFERENCE IS TO BE CONVENED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNCTAD, AND THAT SECRETARIAT SERVICES FOR THE CONFERENCE SHOULD ALSO BE PROVIDED BY THE STAFF OF THE IWC SECRETARIAT. AS FOR POSSIBLE TREATMENT OF GRAINS OTHER THAN WHEAT, YOU SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE CON-

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CLUSION OF JANUARY 6 EXPORTER MEETING IN WASHINGTON. IN LIGHT OF APPARENT STRONG CONCERNS OF OTHER EXPORTER COUNTRIES WHICH SURFACED AT JANUARY 6 MEETING ON THE SUBJECT OF COARSE GRAINS AND THEIR RELATIONSHIP TO A NEW WHEAT AGREEMENT, AND BECAUSE SIMILAR OR PERHAPS STRONGER CONCERNS MAY ARISE WITH OTHER MAJOR COUNTRIES THIS WEEK, YOU SHOULD SUPPORT CANADIAN INITIATIVE TO REMOVE REFERENCE TO GRAINS

OTHER THAN WHEAT FROM VERSION A OF CL 82/4; IF COUNCIL AGREEMENT IS NOT REACHED ON THIS BASIS, YOU SHOULD SUPPORT

A RESOLUTION ALONG LINES OF FALLBACK RESOLUTION DRAFTED AND APPROVED BY EXPORTERS DURING JANUARY 6 MEETING IN WASHINGTON.

2. IF US DEL IS QUESTIONED DIRECTLY ABOUT EFFECT OF RECENT BRUSSELS MEETING UPON DELIBERATIONS OF COUNCIL AND UPCOMING NEGOTIATING CONFERENCE, YOU SHOULD INDICATE SIMPLY THAT BRUSSELS MEETING WAS FOR PURPOSE OF GENERAL REVIEW OF US AND EC NEGOTIATING INTERESTS IN MTN, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO AGRICULTURE, AND THAT THE RESULT

OF THAT MEETING INVOLVED ABSOLUTELY NO SUBSTANTIVE CHANGE IN THE US POSITION FROM THAT OUTLINED IN RECENT PREPARATORY GROUP MEETINGS. IF REQUIRED TO COMMENT ON ATTITUDE TOWARD TREATMENT OF COARSE GRAINS, YOU MAY INDICATE THAT THIS WAS ALSO DISCUSSED IN BRUSSELS, AND THAT WE AGREED THAT COARSE GRAINS SHOULD BE HANDLED IN SEPARATE CONFERENCE WITH PROCEDURES AND TEXT TO BE DEVELOPED. BUT YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT EVEN IN PREVIOUS PREPARATORY GROUP MEETINGS WE HAVE INDICATED A WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS COARSE GRAINS AND A READINESS TO STUDY ANY PROPOSALS WHICH COUNTRIES MAY WISH TO PUT FORWARD; BUT WE HAVE STRESSED ON THOSE OCCASIONS AND CONTINUE TO DO SO NOW, THAT SUCH DISCUSSIONS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ON OTHER GRAINS SHOULD BE SEPARATE SO AS NOT TO INTERFERE WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF ACHIEVING A NEW AGREEMENT TO REPLACE THE 1971 IWA WHICH WILL EXPIRE JUNE 30, 1978. VANCE

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